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Criminalizing homelessness?

What a cruel and amazingly backward idea! Why do you hit people when they are down? and liiving on the edge of survival?

Have you thought about how you would cope if homeless? I faced it when my buildings's Section 8 project ended its HUD contract. Are you prepared to give up every thing in your life except what fits into a shopping cart? How you would spend your days? Looking for a shower, & a safe, soft, warm spot to rest, & some place to cook and eat, & a space for privacy and relaxation? It's life just barely.

If you must find criminals, look at yourselves--every city & state official who hasn't seen to it in your every term that low-income housing was provided for 500 people in your district or where the demand was greatest.

You have done much harm already--find the real solution--housing!-- rather than adding far more harm.

With aloha,
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